U.S. Embassy Tallinn Security Message to U.S. Citizens: Planned March on July 27, 2013

July 24, 2013

The Baltic Pride March will take place on July 27 in Vilnius, Lithuania. At least 800 people are expected to participate, including citizens from the United States and many other nations. There is a strong possibility that counter-protests will occur along the planned route. The march will occur from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Gedimino Avenue from Sventaragio Street to Lukiskiu Square.

We wish to remind U.S. citizens that any peaceful gathering can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence. U.S. citizens are therefore urged to exercise caution if within the vicinity of the march or any counterprotests.

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We strongly recommend that U.S. citizens traveling to or residing in Lithuania enroll in the Department of State's <u>Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP)</u> at www.Travel.State.Gov. STEP enrollment gives you the latest security updates, and makes it easier for the U.S. embassy or nearest U.S. consulate to contact you in an emergency. If you don't have Internet access, enroll directly with the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate.

Regularly monitor the State Department's website, where you can find current <u>Travel Warnings</u>, <u>Travel Alerts</u>, and the <u>Worldwide Caution</u>. Read the <u>Country Specific Information for Estonia</u>. For additional information, refer to <u>"A Safe Trip Abroad."</u>

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